



Trustee Preparing Rewald Claim List

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More than half of the some 400 people who invested in the bankrupt company Bishop, Baldwin, Rewald, Dillingham & Wong have not filed claims in U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

But bankruptcy trustee Thomas Hayes said he will be submitting claims for all of the investors at some point, unless an investor asks specifically that he not do so.

As of yesterday, about 150 claims for more than \$6 million had been submitted by investors and by businesses that did work for Ronald Rewald's company.

Hayes estimates that from \$10 million to \$12 million was invested in the defunct company. Claims submitted, however, include the promised high interest rates the investors were told they would receive. With that interest, the money owed investors could be as much as \$17 million.

Hayes said that as of this week, he has uncovered assets worth only \$1.5 to \$2 million.

BANKRUPTCY proceedings were scheduled to begin again today in federal court, but a hearing before U.S. Judge Martin Pence was continued until Tuesday, Hayes said.

Hayes said that, so far, most of the claims submitted are legitimate, although there are a few that appear to be "phonies," Hayes said.

Hayes said one man has claimed the company owes him about \$250,000. Hayes said the money was actually just a "stroke of the pen" transfer of funds from Rewald's "phony" account to the man's.

Hayes said he did not know exactly when he will be submitting claims for the majority of

investors who have yet to step forward, but said he will abide by the wishes of those who don't want to make a claim.

HAYES IS continuing his search for company assets, especially in foreign bank accounts, and with sometimes amusing results. Hayes uncovered a Swiss bank account in Rewald's name that contained only \$8.50.

One of the most intriguing discoveries was Rewald's plan in 1982 to buy an entire bank in Chile that appeared to have been nothing more than a scam in which Rewald would have been the victim.

He said the people behind the bank scam apparently were setting up Rewald, but that for reasons unknown Rewald did not come up with the \$200,000 they wanted.

Hayes said had Rewald come up with the money, he would have found himself having to then produce \$3 million to clear the title to the bank or lose the \$200,000.

Meanwhile, Rewald's criminal attorneys, Brook Hart and Peter Wolff, have filed a motion in federal court seeking to have some of his frozen assets released to pay for attorneys fees in his state criminal case.

The action was taken upon the order of state Circuit Judge Robert Won Bae Chang in connection with Wolff and Hart's motion to withdraw as his counsel.

IN HIS affidavit filed with yesterday's motion, Wolff said he anticipates "a need to litigate in the U.S. District Court over the release of certain materials which have heretofore been sealed by the court. It is anticipated that the fees for defending this case would be quite substantial."